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NORMS FOR OPENING OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the existing norms for opening of telephone exchanges in the rural areas;

(b) whether the said norms are being violated;

(c) if so, the number of such cases noticed during the last one year, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check such tendencies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) As per the existing norms, a telephone exchange is planned at a place in the rural area, when the registered demand reaches 10 or more and this demand cannot be met from the existing exchange of the SDCA. However, these norms are under revision.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d): Do not arise in view of (b) above.